Capabilities

Precision Feedstocks®

Reactor-Ready biomass feedstocks for research, pilot, and commercial-scale



Reliable, high-yielding performance of bioproducts, biochemicals, and biofuels facilities depends upon consistent supply of uniform feedstocks. Forest Concepts has more than 15 years of experience cooptimizing feedstocks with client processes to maximize yield and profit.

In partnership with US Department of Energy, a new method for low-energy comminution (milling) of biomass was developed. The resulting rotary-shear technology (aka Crumbler® technology) enables milling of high moisture biomass to final small uniform particles without drying for biochemical conversion or before drying when dry feedstocks are needed.

Precision feedstocks are optimized for particle cross-section, length/aspect ratio, moisture content, flowability, and other important characteristics. Forest Concepts delivers on-spec feedstocks through careful milling, screening, and drying.

An axiom of the bioeconomy is that "all feedstocks are local;" and an axiom of process engineering is that "every process configuration has a sweet spot." Engineers and scientists at Forest Concepts work with customers and project teams every day to quantify the interaction of biomass feedstock properties with conversion process parameters in search of the low-cost sweet spot.

Forest Concepts' has the capability to mill with a hammermill or Crumbler® equipment across the size range of 1.5mm to more than 20mm. The equipment is instrumented to document power consumption.

Screening specifications are developed using orbital tapping lab screens and verified with our own orbital two-deck screen that has more than 30 sieve options.

Test runs range from a few kilograms to truckloads.



Some of the materials we have experience with include:

Soft Wood

Western Juniper Eastern Redcedar

Redwood

Black Pine

Lodgepole Pine

Loblolly Pine

Ponderosa Pine

Douglas fir

Spruce

Hard Wood

Alder

Poplar

Cottonwood

Willow

Tanoak

Eucalyptus

Maple

Herbaceous Species

Corn stover from bales

Corn cobs

Silage Corn – field chopped

Sorghum – baled

Sorghum – field chopped

Switchgrass from bales

Miscanthus – field chopped

Miscanthus from bales

Bamboo

Wheat straw

Barley straw

Rice straw

Arundo Donax

Industrial hemp stalks

Other Materials

Bagasse

Agave fiber

Hemp fiber

Almond hulls

Almond shells

Walnut shells

Vineyard prunings

Orchard prunings

Ground forest residuals

Ground land clearing debris

C&D debris

Recycled plastic bottles

Recycled circuit boards

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